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**JOY RIDERS** — Two Torrance teenagers, joyriding in the family car, flipped the vehicle over on an uncompleted segment of the San Diego Freeway Wednesday night. Three Torrance police cars, dispatched to the acci-

dent, spent twenty minutes looking for the youngsters who had fled the scene. They were finally found about a mile from the accident. After questioning, they were turned over to their parents for disciplining.

### Torrance Chamber of Commerce Is 'Open For Business' at Torrance Blvd. Office

Torrance Chamber of Commerce opened the doors of its new office for the first time this week, it was

reported by Don Reining, Chamber manager. New location of the office is Suite 5, 2204 Torrance Blvd.

Personnel of the office will remain the same, Reining said, with the exception of former organizational executive James L. Harmon, who resigned to take a position with the Redondo Beach Chamber.

Harmon, who served with

the Torrance Chamber for four years, will be in charge of membership at his new position.

Harmon's post will be filled by Edwin Sullivan, who has many years background in Chamber membership work, Reining stated.

### Defense Rally Set By Legion Tuesday Night

Commander Earl Sumpter of the Torrance American Legion this week invited all local residents to take part in the defense rally to be staged at the Legion Hall Tuesday night.

Meeting will be held at 8 p.m.

Legion Civil Defense chairman Walt Elswick reported that he has arranged a discussion and report by Joe Rochefort, CD coordinator of Area G, on his organization's plans in the event of enemy attack or disaster. Movies will be shown and questions answered about all phases of defense and the building of fallout shelters.

Torrance public officials have indicated that they will attend the meeting.

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### County Purchases Five Lots at Torrance Beach

Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced last week that the County will purchase five lots, containing 2.34 acres, for use as part of Clifton County Beach in Torrance.

The Board of Supervisors has voted to exercise its option to purchase the land from Northern Properties Co. and James R. Page, Homer D. Grotty and Jonathan B. Lovelace, trustees for the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery.

Cost of the five parcels, which is currently zoned R-3, is \$139,500. They are located between the mean high tide line of the Pacific Ocean and Paseo de la Playa.

### Begin Trial for Alleged Killer of Local Man Oct. 5

Alleged killer of a Lomita man, Richard T. Henke, 61, of Los Angeles, will go on trial Thursday on murder and assault charges.

Henke will be charged with killing his own son, Charles Henke, 37, and wounding his son-in-law John Blamor in front of the Blamor home at 24122 Eshelman Ave. last August 20.

Blamor, a school bus driver, was paralyzed from the waist down as the result of the shooting.

Principal witness against Henke at last Thursday's preliminary hearing, when the suspect was held to answer, was the suspect's own daughter, wife of Blamor.

Police investigators reported that Henke told them he had been drinking heavily since the death of his wife from cancer ten months ago.

### Make Escape With Receipts

Two masked and gloved bandits, who had to ask instructions on how to open the cash register, robbed a Torrance liquor store clerk early yesterday morning.

The duo, who were armed with a six-inch blue steel revolver and whose faces were masked with black handkerchiefs, held up clerk Jerry Lane at the Trading Post Liquor Store, 20317 Hawthorne Blvd. shortly before the shop closed.

Lane, 40, of 21123 So. Harvard St., told Torrance detectives that the two entered the shop and, while one of the suspects pointed the gun at him, the other came behind the counter to clean out the register.

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Unable to open the till the gunmen forced Lane to show them how.

The clerk described the two suspects as both being about 5'8", one about 30 years of age, the other about 45, one wearing a gray, the other a tan jacket.

When the pair entered the store they announced, "This

is a holdup. Stand back or we'll shoot."

After gathering an estimated \$600 from the till the two bandits warned Lane, "Don't follow us or we'll blow your brains out."

They made their escape southbound on Hawthorne in a white 1952 or 1953 Ford sedan.

Liquor store has a long history of holdups, Torrance investigators said.

Shortly after the formation of the Torrance Police Department's felony unit, two detectives, Sam Piazza and Don Cook, who were cruising past the store, saw two bandits in the act of holding it up. They waited outside and made the arrest as the bandits came out.



**DIRT TRUCK CRASH** — Police officer is shown questioning driver of a loaded dirt truck, Elmer D. Graham, 39, of Arlington, after it crashed into a passenger car Friday morning at 190th and Hawthorne. Driver of

the vehicle, Dr. Franz Metzler, 66, of Redondo, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital where his condition is listed as serious. Driver of the truck was not held.

### Commission to Recommend Airport Expansion Plan

Torrance Airport commissioners this week recommended that the city give a go-ahead to a three step plan to develop the local air terminus.

First step in the procedure would be the sale of some \$600,000 in revenue bonds to finance the venture, commissioners stated. They will recommend that the council approve the sale of bonds.

Revenue bonds are repaid from income of the airport, itself, manager Jack Egan stated.

Although nearly \$1,000,000 would be required to finish

the first phase of the development program, the federal government will pick up nearly \$400,000 of the expense, Egan said.

First phase of the development would involve extension of the runway.

### Values Galore Will Highlight Oct. 5 Sale

Twenty-seven downtown Torrance merchants will sponsor a tremendous "Moonlight Sale" Thursday evening from 7 to 11 p.m. with each of the participating shops offering an array of merchandise at excitingly discounted prices.

Announcement of the four-hour sale was made yesterday by Abe Robinson, of Lawson's Jewelers, coordinating chairman for the sponsoring Downtown Torrance Merchant's Association.

Early signers as participants in the event were: Newberrys Department Store; Goodyear Auto; Western Auto; Norleys Market; U.S. Auto Store; Look Furniture; Gay Shop; Torrance Men's Shop; Toy King; Sam Levy's Department Store; Lawson's Jewelry; Torrance Bootery; Squire's Style Shoppe; Torrance Shoes; Firestone Stores Mode-O-Day; Kirby's Shoes; Kay's Men's Shop; Gallen Kamp Shoes; Kephart Gift Shop; Mary's Color Bar; McCowan's Drugs; Ray's Music; McMahan's; Karls Shoes; Anita's Dress Shop; and Torrance Camera.

Officials reported that searchlights will be located all over the downtown area and that banners, announcing the "Moonlight Sale" will be carried on the shop windows of participating merchants.

Buses will provide transportation from all parts of Torrance and each of the bank parking lots in the downtown area will remain open.

A special 16-page section in Wednesday afternoon's Torrance Press will give shopping information on the many exceptional values that will be offered by the participating merchants.



**PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT** — Management of the Plush Horse Restaurant last week hosted negotiators of the Bay Shore Hotel and Restaurant Ass'n. and restaurant employee locals as they signed new three year contracts. Shown are Bernice Hoagland, union representative, Einar Petersen, president of the

association, Hazel Bell, owner of the Palms in Torrance and secretary-treasurer of the association, and George Foster owner and operator of the Marineland Restaurant and vice president of the association. Representatives had been conducting friendly negotiations since May.



**OFF TO CONVENTION** — Torrance-Lomita realtors will participate next week in the annual statewide realtor's convention at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, it was reported yesterday. Shown preparing for the conven-

tion, which will start today and continue through Thursday, are Lee Dawson, Del Vaughn, Hallie Crow, Hank Mahler, Bill McEwen and Forest Beyrer.

# Downtown Merchants Set 'Moonlight Sale' Thurs.